

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
 Planning Commission Members
 FROM: Paul Kenaga, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
 DATE: February 20, 2013
 RE: Planning Commission Minutes

The Planning Commission met at 5:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present: Don Smith, Jerry Steffes, Randy Corcoran, Earl Welch, Linda Larson, Dave Hanifl and Ex-officio member Shawn Wetterlin were in attendance. Member Richard Wieser and Ex-officio members John Graft and Bill Waller were not in attendance. Paul Kenaga was also in attendance.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith and roll call taken.
 The Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2013 were approved as written by consensus.
2. Presentation was given by Andrew Bremer, MSA Professional Services, concerning the guiding principles that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee has developed as part of Coulee Vision 2050.

Coulee Vision 2050 is a long-range vision for transportation and land use in the La Crosse-La Crescent region. This preferred land use and development outcome was used to refine a set of Guiding Principles to support planning decisions across the region. Additional information regarding the preferred vision and Guiding Principles can be found at:
www.couleevision2050.com.

3. The Planning Commission was given the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, La Crescent, MN, winter, 2013 and a brief summary by Sue Howe.

Motion by Welch, seconded by Corcoran to call for a public hearing on February 26 at 7:00 P.M. for community input of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion as proposed.

5:30

4. The Planning Commission continued a public hearing to consider the application for a proposed administrative subdivision to wit:

- SANDVIK ADDITION

The Planning Commission continued the public hearing for the proposed administrative subdivision and discussed the Sandvik property report from Fire Marshal Shawn Wetterlin dated 1/20/13.

Motion to relay this report to City Administrator Bill Waller and request his attendance at the March 5th regular meeting for his comments.

Motion was approved by consensus of the Planning Commission.

5. The Planning Commission continued a public hearing for proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance to wit:

- VARIOUS UPDATES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.
- Revise language related to the zoning ordinance for “pole buildings” and “retaining walls.”

This item was continued to the March 5th regular meeting.

6. Jerry Steffes gave a short report concerning the Economic Development Study Committee. The committee has met for several months and is expected to be completed by this summer.

7. Motion by Hanifl, seconded by Corcoran to adopt the Plan of Work for 2013 and inform the City Council of same.

Motion was approved by consensus of the Planning Commission.

8. Motion by Hanifl, seconded by Welch to recognize Dianne Brimmer:
 “Because of your six years of dedication and foresight, the City of La Crescent has made very positive strides in the areas of Zoning and Planning for tomorrow’s future. You should be very proud of your contributions and accomplishments to your city, as we certainly are.”

Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion as proposed.

9. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Saved as minutes of February 5, 2013 Planning Commission.